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SUBJ: SECRETARY KISSINGER STOPOVER AT MADRID

1. DURING STOPOVER AT MADRID'S BARAJAS AIRPORT, EN ROUTE TO ASWAN, SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD TWO HOUR CONVERSATION WITH SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA. SECRETARY AND PARTY DEPARTED AROUND 1430 HOURS LOCAL.

2. ALSO ATTENDING CONVERSATION ON SPANISH SIDE WERE MFA UNDERSECRETARY (VALDERRAMA), DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS (CERON), DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS (PERINAT), AND FOREIGN MINISTER'S TECHNICAL SECRETARY GENERAL (MARTINEZ-CARO). ALSO PRESENT ON U.S. SIDE WERE EMBASSY MINISTER-COUNSELOR MONTLLOR (AMBASSADOR WAS CONVALESCING), AMBASSADOR BUNKER, LEGAL ADVISER MAW, ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO, AND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT EAGLEBERGER.

3. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE SECRETARY KISSINGER MADE
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FOLLOWING REMARKS TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES:

QUOTE

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT BY NOW COMING BACK TO SPAIN IS TO MEET AGAIN OLD FRIENDS AND TO REVIVE VERY WARM MEMORIES.

ON BEHALF OF ALL AMERICANS, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE SADNESS WE ALL FEEL ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT BROUGHT ABOUT THE NECESSITY ON THIS OCCASION OF DEALING WITH A NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, THOUGH IT WAS A GREAT PERSONAL PLEASURE TO MEET THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER AND THEREBY ESTABLISH A VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIP.

THE TALKS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER WERE AS WARM AND AS FRANK AND AS CONSTRUCTIVE AS HAS BEEN CHARACTERISTIC OF THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT BEFORE THE FOREIGN MINISTER THE THINKING OF THE U.S. WITH RESPECT TO THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROBLEM AND THE APPROACHES WHICH THE PRESIDENT HAS PROPOSED OF HOW TO DEAL WITH IT.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER EXPLAINED SPAIN'S NATURAL AND DECISIVE CONCERN WITH THIS QUESTION, AND I ASSURED HIM THAT WE WOULD MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN AS OUR THINKING EVOLVES AND THAT WE WOULD ENCOURAGE SPAIN'S PARTICIPATION IN ANY EFFORTS THAT GREW OUT OF THE INITIATIVE.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND I ALSO DISCUSSED BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE REAFFIRMED THE DECISION TAKEN DURING MY LAST VISIT AND THERE SHOULD BE A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES PARALLELING THOSE THAT ARE NOW BEING NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NATO AND THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

THIS DECLARATION WILL REAFFIRM AND UNDERLINE AND STRENGTHEN THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS

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BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO IT WILL START WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

I REPEATED THE INVITATION ALREADY EXTENDED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PREDECESSOR FOR A MEETING BETWEEN MYSELF AND MY SPANISH COLLEAGUE IN WASHINGTON AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME, HOPEFULLY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, AND I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER

ACCEPTED THAT INVITATION.

ON BEHALF OF ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES, LET ME EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO ALL OF OUR SPANISH COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR CHARACTERISTIC HOSPITALITY, DESTRUCTIVE OF OUR WAISTLINES BUT CONDUCTIVE TO GOOD FEELING.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RENEWING OUR DISCUSSIONS AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GREAT PERSONAL PLEASURE AT MAKING THIS FIRST ACQUAINTANCE OF A MAN WITH WHOM I SHALL BE WORKING CLOSELY FOR QUITE SOME TIME. THANK YOU. UNQUOTE

4. FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA THEN MADE A STATEMENT TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: I WANT TO THANK SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, WHO CAME TO SPAIN HARDLY A MONTH AGO, FOR SHOWING THE DEEP INTEREST THAT THE U.S. HAS TOWARD SPAIN. I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION, ABOVE ALL, FOR THE TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE THAT PRESIDENT NIXON SENT, AND MR. KISSINGER HIMSELF, ON THE OCCASION OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF OUR FORMER PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT, CAPTAIN GENERAL CARRERO BLANCO. OUR APPRECIATION IS ALL THE MORE PROFOUND FOR THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT NIXON SHOWED HIS PERSONAL SORROW BY SENDING VICE PRESIDENT FORD TO US AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE.

AS MR. KISSINGER HAS NOTED, WE HAVE HELD A MOST CORDIAL CONVERSATION WHICH ALLOWED US TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEMS OF MAJOR INTEREST AT THIS TIME. THAT WHICH CONCERNED US MOST WAS ENERGY, WHICH WE CONSIDERED FROM THE DOUBLE ASPECT OF SHORT AND LONG TERM, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE TO BE GIVEN DISTINCT TREATMENT. THE PROMISES THAT MR. KISSINGER GAVE US REASSURED US WITH REGARD TO THE PARTICIPATION THAT OUR COUNTRY MUST HAVE IN THE CENTERS OF THE DECISION WHICH CAN MAKE DETERMINATIONS FAVORABLE TOWARD A SOLUTION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE INTEREST OF CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS.

THE BILATERAL QUESTION WAS AGAIN A SUBJECT OF CONSIDERATION WITH THE OBJECT OF BRINGING EXISTING RELATIONS UP TO DATE WITHIN AN APPROPRIATE PERIOD OF TIME. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT, ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, THERE WILL BE ISSUED A DECLARATION WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHICH FORM PART OF IT (THE ALLIANCE), OUR TWO COUNTRIES THOUGHT IT APPROPRIATE TO MAKE A PARALLEL DECLARATION IN WHICH

ARE SET FORTH THE FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF PULLING TOGETHER THOSE ASPECTS
AMONG WHICH IS MANIFESTLY THE PROBLEM OF SECURITY AND
MUTUAL DEFENSE, WHICH CONTINUES TO BE THE PRIMARY CONCERN
OF OUR RELATIONS. TO THIS END, THERE WILL BE ESTABLISHED
WORKING COMMISSIONS WHICH WILL PREPARE A TEXT WHICH WILL
BE SUBJECT OF SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF
MY TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES, SINCE I MAKE PUBLIC FROM
THIS MOMENT, THAT I ACCEPT THE INVITATION THAT HA
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